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**PROJECT UPDATE**  
**60-91-215 INTERCHANGE**

**RIVERSIDE** – On Monday evening, May 10, a gas line was punctured at the I-215/Iowa overcrossing in Riverside by a contractor working for the California Department of Transportation, Caltrans, on the 60/91/215 Interchange and Freeway Improvement project. The contractor, Washington Group - Obayashi was in the process of removing the Iowa Bridge over I-215, in preparation to widen the freeway below. Authorities were promptly contacted, the freeway was closed and an evacuation of the area was implemented. The freeway was reopened and the evacuation lifted, in the early morning hours on Tuesday, May 11.

The Southern California Gas Company, Caltrans and the contractor are currently investigating the incident. Local law enforcement, fire and city personnel ensured that no one was injured and residents were safely evacuated. The Southern California Gas Company sealed the pipe end, and residents can be assured that the area is safe. Work on the project can continue and the delay will not affect the overall project schedule.

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